

Amendments to the Abstract

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows:

There is disclosed an ink jet recording apparatus capable of performing recording on the full surface of a recording sheet without any complication, enlargement or cost increases, ~~alternatively~~ and without any need to execute secondary processing after the end of recording. Platen ribs for guiding and supporting the recording sheet are provided in parallel within the ink discharge nozzle row length of a recording head, and each rib constituting ~~the~~ one platen rib row is disposed in a position ~~equivalent to a part~~ between the adjacent ribs of ~~the~~ another platen rib row. When recording is performed on the leading end or the rear end of the recording sheet, recording data is divided into data according to a platen rib array, and one-line recording data is recorded by a plurality of scanning operations.